

<b>D7</b> Christ's sacred presence for each other	<b>H4</b> Suffering hospitals, care facilities	<b>H9</b> All who feel alone in life	Experiences for youth, including partnerships with other groups
<b>D8</b> Following opportunities to build relationships	<b>H5</b> Food and clothing relief	<b>H10</b> Support for life-or-see and challenges	<b>P3</b> Music Ministry integrated to Preschool
	<b>H11</b> Sharing our Lutheran identity of grace	<b>H12</b> Actively Communicating our identity, mission with all	

Send your shoes on a Journey with Jesus...

PHILIPPIAN ACTION TURNOUT 2022  
Living Springs Lutheran

Knee's Annual SHOE DRIVE  
FUNDRAISER EVENT  
MARCH 1ST - MAY 31ST 2024

**BAD**  
Help us collect shoes for people in need. We need all sizes and styles.

**HOW?**  
How to Correctly Bag Your Laundry, Socks and New Shoes



# The Living Springs Journal

“CELEBRATE...SHARE...SERVE” ACCORDING TO GOD’S WILL

May 2024

# Ongoing Easter Joy— Pentecost Fire! (from Pastor Eric)

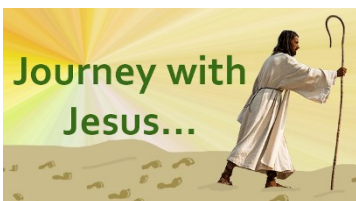
May "JOURNEY WITH JESUS" Focus = The Message about Jesus!  
Pastor Study Times: Tuesday, 5/21 @ 9:20; Sunday, 5/26 @ 10:00

I wonder how those original disciples felt when they thought their "journey with Jesus" was over? How could they have believed that their journey with Jesus had not ended when his body was laid in a tomb?

But then, I wonder what joy they felt (amidst doubts & uncertainties) when they realized **their journey with Jesus was still ongoing**—when the risen Lord appeared to them in a locked room to offer them peace and give them a mission of forgiveness for the world? I wonder about the ongoing joy they felt when their journey with Jesus continued—at the Sea of Tiberius, with the Risen Lord cooking a breakfast of fish for them? I wonder about the ongoing joy they felt when their journey with Jesus continued—on a mountaintop, hearing the Risen Lord give them the Great Commission and promising to "be with you always, even to the end of the age"? I wonder about the ongoing joy they felt when 50 days after Easter, they realized their journey with Jesus would still continue—as the Risen Lord fulfilled his promise and sent the Holy Spirit upon them, to give them power to go out and proclaim the Good News of God's forgiveness and love to everyone?

I think about the ongoing joy we shared in April (during the first 30 days of the 50-day Easter season)—as we have been part of a **journey with Jesus that still continues now, nearly 2000 years later!** I think about the ongoing joy of the journey with Jesus—as we celebrated a child's baptism and a holy communion milestone for 5 young disciples! I think about the ongoing joy of the

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**PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 19**

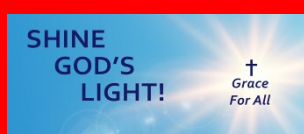
**Festival Worship**  
**8:15 & 10:30**  
*(wear something red!)*  
*"Linger on the Lawn"*



**Emotional-Mental Wellness Emphasis: Series Event #5**

**9:20-10:20, LS Fellowship Hall**  
**"Mental Health 101" - Jean Ann Lambert**  
**Mental Health America of SC**

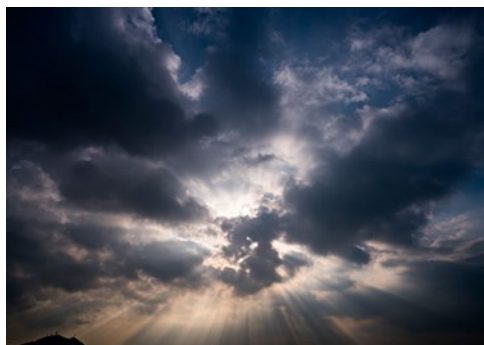
**LS Pentecost Community NE Mayfest**



**4:00-6:30, LS Front Lawn**  
**(free Pizza truck, free Ice Cream truck, bouncy house, games, CDC spring art, music, ministry activities for all ages)**  
**Invite your neighbors & friends!**



## From the Desk of Pastor Carl



Dear Siblings in Christ,

April was filled with excitement, love, and joy. As we linger in the post-Easter glow, our hearts overflow with gratitude for the joyous celebrations we shared together as a community. From the enthusiastic Easter worship experience to cherished traditions like the Lutheran Men's Breakfast and the spirited Easter egg hunt, it's been a season of abundant blessings and profound spiritual connections.

Eleanor Cool's baptism was one of the most beautiful moments during our Easter festivities. It was a moving experience to witness Eleanor, surrounded by

her loving family and sponsors, take this significant step in her faith journey. Let's continue to pray for Eleanor as she grows in her relationship with God.

In addition to Eleanor's baptism, we celebrated the communion milestone of Eleonor Cool, Kayla Wallace, Rogan Wallace, Soren Wallace, and Ethan Wirth. It was a poignant reminder of the richness of our community, where individuals of all ages come together to partake in the Lord's supper at the table. May the bonds forged at this sacred gathering strengthen and nourish our souls.

Beyond our own congregation, we've also been called to extend our love and compassion to those in need worldwide. Learning about the Living Springs Shoe Drive for developing countries has been a humbling experience, reminding us of the power of collective action to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

Our commitment to nurturing faith extends to our youngest members as well. We're delighted to see our Children's Chapel thriving on Tuesdays, providing our little ones a nurturing environment to learn about God's love and teachings. Let's continue to support and encourage our children as they grow in their understanding of faith.

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# PENTECOST "MAYFEST"

FREE Pizza &  
FREE Ice Cream

Fun for the  
Whole Family

Shine  
God's  
Light!

Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024  
4—6:30 PM @ Living Springs

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN SHINING GOD'S LIGHT WITH A MAYFEST PARTY! WE KICKOFF THE SUMMER ON OUR JOURNEY WITH JESUS—SHARING WITH OUR NEIGHBORS!

Bouncy  
House

Games & Activities

Music

LSCDC Spring Art

Summer Camps Sign-Ups

## NEXT LIVING SPRINGS EMOTIONAL-MENTAL WELLNESS EVENT! "MENTAL HEALTH 101"

Jean Ann Lambert, Mental Health America of SC  
Sunday, May 19, 9:20-10:20 - LS Fellowship Hall  
*spread the word...invite family, friends, and neighbors*



### Living Springs Emotional/Mental Wellness Support Fund

For assistance, please see  
Pastor Eric or Pastor Carl.



## Pentecost Sunday May 19th

On Sunday, May 19th we will celebrate this 3rd most important day in our Christian lives (along with Christmas and Easter)... Pentecost Sunday! You are invited to wear RED to help celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit in our lives! Hang around on the lawn after 10:30 worship for our weekly "Linger Longer" fellowship surprise.



## Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*

### LeGrand/Lowman Scholarship Dinner & Auction

*Saturday, May 4 @ 6pm*

We will be hosting the annual LeGrand/Lowman Dinner & Auction this Saturday, May 4, beginning at 6pm in the fellowship hall. This year's theme will be "Cinco de Mayo" with a delicious Mexican fare that will be prepared by Marshall Hurlbert. Tickets will cover the cost of food. Adults - \$10, Children 12 and under - \$5. Please contact the office if you still need tickets.

The silent Auction will open at 6:30 and close at 7:30. Silent Auction items include baskets that are donated by ministry teams and individuals, as well as handmade items such as wreaths, paintings, baked goods, etc. There will also be a raffle for a quilt made by the Crafty Ladies. And of course, we



will also have a white elephant auction with our very own Adam Woodruff as the auctioneer. All funds raised benefit our LeGrand/Lowman Scholarships that are given to 1st time college students from Living Springs and Cristo Rey. We also offer continuing education grants for subsequent years of college. Please joins us for a great meal, fun fellowship while supporting college students.

Donated items need to be dropped off prior to the dinner. Limit one white elephant item donation per family/individual. This could be a gift you received that just may not be your taste. Remember one person's trash could be another person's treasure.



## Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

### From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello and Greetings to all,

As the days begin to warm and the sun shines a bit longer, we see the excitement as the children get ready for T-ball practice, we listen as they tell us how they are learning to play golf and taking swim lessons, and we share how we also are enjoying a little extra time outside in the evenings.

As a society, we are often focused on what children can learn from us. However, whether you are a parent, an aunt, an uncle, a grandparent, or someone who has the opportunity to share in the life of a child, let us be mindful of what they have to teach us.

What WE can learn from children at play:

1. To be Fearless in your exploration, have a sense of adventure, and a willing openness to the unknown and sometimes awkward.
2. Build Resilience, kids fall, maybe get a band-aid, get up, and keep going. They remind us that falling is trying and if you never try, you'll never know what you can achieve.
3. Live in the Present, children are fully immersed in their work of play. They are fully present as they draw images on the sidewalk with chalk, as they watch a lizard run across the fence, as they pour sand from one container to the next. Children are focused on what is now, without concern for the perfect social media post, or how they may look. They are focused on the present, a simple reminder and inspiration of the joy in simplicity.
4. Love without limits or judgment; children who don't look alike, aren't the same age, and may not speak the same language come together to laugh, run, connect, and engage because this is what we are created to do.

The next time you have the opportunity to be with children I urge you to listen, see, enjoy, and take a little lesson from them; remember to play, love, explore, and be present.

Wishing you well, Tammy

journey with Jesus—at an amazing mid-April community Beer ‘n Hymns, filled with singing God’s praises and countless faith conversations! I think about the ongoing joy of the journey with Jesus—as our LS youth worshipped at Cristo Rey, our mission partner, and joined in devotions to prepare for this summer’s joint travel with Cristo Rey youth to the Multi-Cultural Youth Event (MYLE) and ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans! I think about the ongoing joy of the journey with Jesus—in the faces of Gamecock Campus Ministry students & Pastor Jesse as we shared our \$9000 partner support, as an important affirmation to them that they are part of a church where everyone is welcomed and loved! I think about the ongoing joy of the journey with Jesus—heard in the moving April 21st worship Thanksgiving Moment with Minister Lavonne (see our YouTube channel if you missed it!)

I think about the ongoing joy of the journey with Jesus—overheard in caring conversations at our new post-worship “Linger Longer” fellowship times! I think about the ongoing joy of the journey with Jesus—as expressed in Bible studies, online Worship comments, and responses to our weekly Bible reading online postings! I think about the ongoing joy of the journey with Jesus—with the packing of 210 food bags on a Sunday morning and the signing of some 100 Mother’s Day cards for those at care centers, the homebound, and others! I think about the ongoing joy of the journey with Jesus—with the sight of hundreds of donated shoes gathered at the foot of the cross, to bring hope for lives across the globe!

I think about the ongoing joy of the journey with Jesus—which we will share on Pentecost Sunday, in both our morning Emotional-Mental Wellness event and our amazing afternoon Pentecost Mayfest. I think about the ongoing joy of the journey with Jesus—that will be shared in May and June with all the ministries in the box to the right: *Family Promise meals, Palmetto Place & Children’s Hospital meals, Rush Hour ministry, Scholarship Auction Supper, HS Graduate Quillowing, Congo Refugee welcome, Tuesday night Synod Bible Studies, Justice Ministry celebration, Meals on Wheels, 2 weekly NA Recovery meetings, our witness at a Fireflies baseball game, and all the rest!*

I think about how on Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to those timid, imperfect original disciples and filled them with the fire of God’s love, empowering them to go out and do something they could have never imagined—to shine the light of God’s grace for all, giving birth to Christ’s church (which continues to live and share the ongoing joy of Easter with the world). I think about how each of us, we 21st-century disciples of Jesus, have too been blessed with that same Holy Spirit through our baptism into Christ—that same Holy Spirit which empowers us to do everything we do in the name of Jesus and shine the light of God’s grace for so many lives. I think about the ongoing joy of Easter we live and share every day—and I am truly awed, truly grateful, truly inspired! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

With thanksgiving for the light of God’s grace that shines so brightly in you, *Pastor Eric*

**Upcoming Opportunities to  
“Shine Additional Light!”**

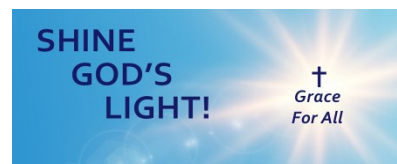
- FAMILY PROMISE MEALS—May 2,9,16,23,30**
- SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION SUPPER—May 4**
- MISSION MOMENTS—May 5**
- CONGO REFUGEE WELCOME—May 6,7**
- SYNOD BIBLE STUDIES—May 7,14,21,28**
- MOTHER’S DAY FLOWER DELIVERY—May 10**
- SC LUTHERAN YOUTH RETREAT—May 10-12**
- SUNDAY MORNING BACKPACKS—May 12**
- CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL MEAL—May 16**
- LS FIREFLIES NIGHT—May 17**
- JUSTICE MINISTRY CELEBRATION—May 20**
- RUSH HOUR MINISTRY—May 22**
- PALMETTO PLACE MEAL—May 23**
- HS GRADUATE QUILLING—May 26**
- MEALS ON WHEELS—each Mon & Tue**
- NA RECOVERY GROUP—each Mon & Thurs**
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- RICE ESTATE SUPPER—June 1**
- CRISTO REY MINISTRY—June 2**
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—June 3-6**
- SC SYNOD ASSEMBLY—June 8**
- GRACEWORKS SERVANT WEEK—June 10-13**
- LUTHERIDGE CAMP WEEK—June 23-28**

**2024 LIVING SPRINGS MINISTRY FOCUS**

*Grounded in worship, we are disciples joyfully sharing our resources and celebrating Jesus’ message of **Good News of God’s grace for all!***

*We lift up these areas of Ministry Focus to **Shine Additional Light** in 2024:*

- PROVIDING SAFE SPACES FOR LISTENING AND ATTENDING TO one another & the larger community... especially in areas of mental-emotional wellness.**
- MINISTERING TO, AND PARTNERING WITH, OUR NEIGHBORS to serve others and offer hope... through feeding ministries, justice ministry, and other crisis ministries.**
- OFFERING LIFE-SHAPING FAITH FORMATION for all ages... through multiple, creative opportunities to worship and learn - with special emphasis on children, youth, and families, including LS Child Development Center.**
- INVITING, WELCOMING & CELEBRATING everyone in God’s diverse Kingdom garden... all beautifully created in God’s image!**



## From the Desk of Pastor Carl continued

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And let's not forget our Sr. Youth who diligently gather on Wednesday evenings despite the demands of sports and schoolwork. Your dedication and enthusiasm inspire us all, reminding us of the importance of community and fellowship in our faith journey.

As we reflect on the Easter season and look ahead, let's remember the timeless message of Jesus: to be the bearers of peace and light in a world that often feels dark and troubled. Let's extend peace to one another, knowing that it is through our actions and words that we truly shine God's light in all places.

May the love and joy of Easter continue to dwell in our hearts, guiding us in our mission to spread God's love to all.

Grace and Peace

**Pastor Carl**



### Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

#### **LS Ministries with Cristo Rey!**

***Sunday, May 19 @ 4:15pm***

We provide a Bible lesson, crafts, singing, and snacks for the children of our Mission Partner, Cristo Rey, in W. Columbia. We have team leaders, but 5-6 helpers are needed, plus a snack for up to 20 children. Volunteers meet at LS at 4:15 and carpool. The children speak English, so Spanish is not a requirement.



### Upcoming at Living Springs

#### **Congratulations 2024 High School Graduates!**

We rejoice and give thanks to God with a Quillowing Milestone on Sunday, May 25th. We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for Lauren Bloss, Anna Graves, Josh Holmstrom, Lina Mooney, and Cody Shannon. We also congratulate college graduates Austin Padgett, Kaitlyn Thoma and all 2024 graduates and their families.

If we missed your names, please let the office know so we can include you in our prayers that Sunday.

#### **Member Welcome & Info Session**

Plans are now being made for our next Member Welcome Blessing (and info class) to welcome persons into Christ's family of faith here at LS. If interested - or if you would like to know more about LS and our faith as Lutheran Christians - please see Pastor Eric or Pastor Carl, or call the office.

### **Spring & Summer at Living Springs...Mark your Calendar!!**

**May 17: LS Night @ Fireflies game, Segra Park** (Disciples of Harmony sing National Anthem)

**May 18: Drivers License Milestone Class**

**May 19: Pentecost NE Community MayFest Celebration @ 4pm**

**May 19: Emotional/Mental Wellness Workshop @ 9:20**

**May 26: Quillowing Milestone for High School Graduates**

**June 3-6: Vacation Bible School**

**June 10-13: GraceWorks Youth Servant Week**

**June 23-28: Camp Week at Lutheridge**

**July 13-20: MYLE & ELCA Youth Gathering**

## Notes from: *Good News Team*

### Beer & Hymns

1. The Lord led a family to Random Tap to celebrate their dog's first birthday. The dog's name was Pippa and we thought it would be special to have our musicians play happy birthday for her. The family was amazed that we took time out of our playing to honor their dog whom we didn't even know. This is what happens at Beer n Hymns—all of God's creatures are included!



2. At Beer & Hymns there were an additional 10 Corn Hole players also outside with us at Random Tap!! God worked her magic by allowing our music to positively impact their tournament! The corn hole players asked if we could come back and play for all of their tournaments!! They loved our high energy for Jesus!!



3. God led a person to come to Beer N Hymns and they said, "this was what I needed tonight. Praising Jesus for everything and also kinda forgetting about everything too!" Jesus knows what's best for us—sometimes we just need friends and praise music!!



4. The Spirit moved a couple to join Beer N Hymns for the first time and they found joy and song and laughter that they said they really needed!!



### Next Rush Hour Ministry

Wednesday, May 22, 5:15—6PM

There is space for you! Be part of God's growing hope on the sidewalk in front of Living Springs, sharing smiles and blessing gifts to those waiting in rush hour traffic! We will meet around 5pm but join us at any time!

**LS Good News Journey with Jesus Bible Story Project**  
*Catch last month's stories in our YouTube Journey with Jesus Playlist*  
*"Easter Peace & Patient Love" read by Shirl Schiffman*  
*"A Joyful Spring Walk" read by Dawn Willingham*  
*"Jesus, Breakfast Chef" read by John Imbert*  
*"Into the Clouds & Light from Above" read by Raegan Prest*

The Good News Team is beginning a new series for their Bible Reading Project in conjunction with the "Journey with Jesus" Focus of the Month. Each Wednesday, a Bible story from our focus will be read along with sharing for our pastors, deacon, and possibly some of our worshippers. And, you may see some of these readings/discussions from some interesting places! The reading will be streamed, so we are asking you to share on all your social media platforms. By sharing, that story will get to someone who may need to hear it and possibly never heard that story before! We can all be a part of the Good News Team!

### Looking for Readers To pre-record Bible Stories Individuals/couples/families/youth

Want to read a Bible story for our Journey with Jesus Story Project? No need to be here, record yourself/family reading from your favorite Bible, or we can record you at home or a special location. Call the office to schedule or for

## Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

### LENTEN 40X40 H.O.P.E COLLECTION—LUTHERAN SERVICES CAROLINAS

If I didn't know better, I would have thought I was delivering Dove Tree gifts instead of the 40x40 welcome kits that we collected during Lent! Sarah's eyes were like saucers and she was jumping up and down like a little kid getting a gift she had wished for her whole life. "We never received so many kits at one time!" Well actually, that is probably how it is for the refugee families that leave everything behind - family, homes, friends in order to start out a new chapter in their lives and then to be welcomed with simple items that represent "hope" - the things that can be the encouragement needed to move forward. Thank you again Living Springs for making a difference!

The goal was 1,600 and we came soooo close! Our total was 1,338 which is amazing We completed 13 Dining and 10 Bathroom Kits and had miscellaneous items that were given for their use. These kits will be given to refugee families (along with our prayer bears and quilts) to welcome them in their new journey.



### Campus Ministry Supper/Delivering Check from Fish Fry

We give thanks to God for the \$9,000 LS partnership check we were able to share with Pastor Jesse and Gamecock Campus Ministry Students - - Through all your support for our LS Lenten Fish Fry series and your additional special donations!!!



### Shoe Drive Blessing & Delivery



328 pairs of shoes delivered to Keep the Midlands Beautiful!





## LS FAMILY PROMISE MEALS

*May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30*

As we know, Covid turned a few organizations into a tizzy and forced them to rethink how they were going to survive. Family Promise was greatly affected because the whole concept was to use church facilities on a rotating basis to house families in a temporary crisis situation. Living Springs agreed to be a support church, providing a meal one day of the partnering host's week to house families. Through much determination and solicitation, Family Promise has continued to serve three to four families at a triplex in Columbia. All this said, Living Springs is still a support church and due to a few churches dropping out of the program, we are now committed to help provide meals for a whole month (you've seen the messages asking for help). The FP families are being invited to our NE Community MayFest - what a wonderful opportunity to show these families some love and support them on their Journey!

During May, Living Springs is partnering with Spring Valley Presbyterian to provide meals for the three triplex families that are in the program at this time. Once a week on Thursday, three separate meal packets will be delivered to the Opportunity Center on Omarest Drive. Living Springs has been a supporting church in this program that provides shelter and support for families that fall short for some reason or another and need assistance in getting back on their feet. If you would like to adopt a family for a week or more, contact Karen Kranz and we can share the family's profile.

## MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS FOR RICE ESTATE & AT-HOME MEMBERS

We are assembling carnations for the women at Rice Estate and our homebound ladies on Thursday, May 9 at 10 am in the fellowship hall. There will probably be around 100 flowers & ferns to trim and put in bud vases - bring your cup of coffee and a pair of scissors - we'll even pull out the comfy chairs if you like.

Each of the ladies at Rice Estate and our at-home members will receive a flower and card. Please sign each of the cards displayed on the tables under the portico on 4/28 & 5/5. We are planning on delivering them on Friday morning, May 10 @ 10 am. Contact Gail Buchanan if you would like to help deliver the cards & flowers on the 10th.



## BACKPACKS

May will be the end of our packing season - we give thanks to all that contributed and helped pack bags of food items to help provide some nourishment to children on the weekends. We continue to collect food items - just purchasing one item a week when your grocery shopping, will help stock our shelves. The shopping carts will be in the admin building whenever you want to drop off items.



## HOPE SUNDAYS

**Save these tentative dates:**

**June 9 we have asked Lutheran Services;**

**July 14 Richland 2;**

**August 11 Christian Assistance Bridge.**

## Notes from: *Justice Ministry*



**MORE JUSTICE  
COOKOUT & CELEBRATION**  
MONDAY, MAY 20TH  
COOKOUT 5:00-6:30PM  
PROGRAM STARTS AT 6:30  
ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL  
[5220 CLEMSON AVE]

We have had an exciting year and it is all thanks to YOU! Join us on **Monday, May 20th** to celebrate the 2023-2024 justice cycle! We will be having a cookout from 5:00-6:30PM, with programming starting at 6:30PM. Children and families are invited to eat and hang out at the cookout and childcare will be provided starting at 6:30. **Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 14th** so we can get a headcount for food and sign up to bring a dish - (MORE Justice will provide burgers, hotdogs, and veggie burgers). Sign ups can be found below, please contact [jane@morejusticecolumbia.org](mailto:jane@morejusticecolumbia.org) with any questions.

RSVP for the Celebration

Sign Up to Bring a Dish!

# Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

## MARK ALLAN POWELL SC SYNOD BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS

*Tuesdays (May 7, 14, 21, and 28)*

Dr. Mark Allen Powell presents a Bible study series around this year's SC Synod Assembly's theme, "Like Good Stewards." The study is for everyone. While this is an opportunity related to this year's assembly theme, you don't need to be registered for Assembly to participate! The first session will be pre-recorded and shared online on Tuesday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Powell will present his study live via Zoom on the following three Tuesdays (May 14, 21, and 28), allowing for questions and interactions. Click the link below to join this Bible study opportunity.

Links to bible study (scroll down on Assembly page)

### LS Faith Friends

Though Jesus and the Holy Spirit are always with us throughout our journeys, it can be an added blessing to have a sibling in Christ to walk with us, encourage us, and help shine God's light along the way. A prayer, or a listening ear, can often provide that extra boost of enthusiasm and support to keep us walking the path Jesus has laid out for us.

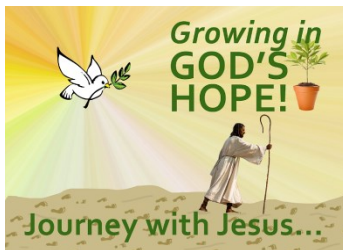
Many of you may remember the Faith Friends children/youth ministry relationships from several years ago. It brought such joy & meaning not only to our children & youth, but to all our adults who served as Faith Friends! As part of our 2024 Ministry Focus, we will "Shine Additional Light" by expanding these Faith Friends relationships to those who are homebound, college students, or new to the Living Springs community. This will be a first step, with later other additions to come!

The Lifelong Discipleship team has prayerfully identified some initial partners who will reach out to prospective Faith Friends to begin walking together in prayer & words of care. During the month of May, initial partners will be invited to join this ministry, and we will share with them a LS person for whom their caring and friendship might be beneficial. Partners pray for their Faith Friend and try to be in contact with them roughly once a month and on special occasions (e.g. phone call, card/note, conversation, say hello at church, etc.).

The Lifelong Discipleship team will be calling on potential initial partners this month, as we hope to have our Faith Friends relationships active in June.

*"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." – Romans 12:10-11*

### LS 2023-24 "Journey with Jesus" Focus of the Month!



September – Life of Jesus (Part 1)

October – Miracles of Jesus

November – Teachings of Jesus

December – Prophecies about Jesus

January – Encounters with Jesus

February – Parables of Jesus

March – Life of Jesus (Part 2)

April – Encounters with the Risen Jesus

**May – The Message about Jesus**

June – More Miracles of Jesus

July – More Parables of Jesus

August – More Teachings of Jesus

**THIS MONTH:** *For your Bible reading & faith discussions at home... (plus our LS Bible studies, group/team "Dwellings in the Word," Wednesday online readings, youth studies, and more!)*

**Week of May 5 Acts 2:14– 4:37 Forgiveness & Power in Jesus' Name!**

**Week of May 12 Acts 6:1 – 8:1; Acts 10:34 – 11:30 Bold Witness – God's Grace for All**

**Week of May 19 Acts 13:13-52; Acts 17:16-34 Hope for Everyone**

**Week of May 26 I Corinthians 1:18-2:16; Philippians 2:1-11; Romans 3 God's Wisdom – A Cross & Faith!**

**\*\*For families with children, you can use stories from Children's Bible Story books or online Children's Bible videos about these miracles/stories of Jesus!**

# Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

What a wonderful month of worship! After the joyous services on Easter Sunday (March 31), our celebration of the resurrection continued unabated throughout April, something I was unaccustomed to before coming to Living Springs. The butterflies and other symbols of Easter are still everywhere to see. You can also see from the titles of some of the hymns we sang last month how determined we are to be "Easter People" who live in light of the death and resurrection of Christ every day of our lives:

**"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" | "Christ is Living" | "Alleluia! Christ is Arisen!"**

**"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen" | "I Love to Tell the Story" | "Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!"**

**"Now the Green Blade Rises" | "This is the Feast"** with our cantor Bob Gabbard starting us off!

There's more to come! I encourage you to sing out with joy in the Sunday's leading up to Pentecost.

*Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. (Psalm 95:1)*

--Shirl Schiffman

## Baptism



## Communion Milestone



## Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

### LADIES BOOK CLUB

Monday, June 3 @ 7 pm

Every other month, we meet at a member's home to discuss our book pick -- the next book is *One Italian Summer* by Rebecca Serle and it is available at the Richland County Library. Jan Epperson will host at 608 Coldbranch Dr. on Monday, June 3 at 7 pm. and there will be refreshments available. If you like to read, this is an awesome segway into moving out of your comfort zone and experiencing different authors and genres. Although it is labeled "Ladies" book club, we welcome all who enjoy reading.



## REGISTER TODAY!

### 2024 SC WELCA Annual Convention

LOCATION: St. Luke's, 206 Central Ave, Summerville, SC

DATE: June 21 & 22, 2024

Theme for the 2024 Convention: "JUST LOVE"

Scripture: We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:19)

Hymn: "We Love Because God Loved Us First."

[Registration Form](#)

[Workshops](#)



### Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Greg Van Dyke, St. Peter's Lutheran, Pawley Island SC

### Entertainment:

Tim Lowry, Storyteller, Summerville, SC



## Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

### LS Night @ Fireflies Game

May 17



Segra Park (Disciples of Harmony sing National Anthem)

LS Lutheran Men will be sponsoring a night at the Fireflies game for all members and friends of Living Springs. LS Disciples of Harmony will be singing the National Anthem before the game on Friday, May 17th. Tickets will be \$11 each. The Fireflies will be celebrating Soccer Night and giving a Chicharrones soccer jersey to the first 1000 fans.

Please see the signup sheet in the Admin lobby. **Deadline to order tickets is May 4th.** Please contact Bob Turnmire (803-386-5536) for questions.

## Notes from: *Youth Ministry*

### LS Youth Ministry *Things to look forward to:*

**5/1 - Youth Fellowship @ LSLC**

**5/8 - Youth Fellowship @ Cookout**

**5/10-5/12 - LCY Retreat**

**5/15 - Youth Fellowship @ LSLC**

**5/18-Driver's License Milestone Class**

**5/19: Pentecost Sunday/Community NE MayFest Celebration @ 4pm**

**5/26: Quillowing Milestone for High School Graduates**



## 2024 Vacation Bible School

**June 3-6**

**9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
(Kickoff Worship June 2)**

**Ages 3 - 12th Grade.  
\$5 per participant**

**Registration forms available  
in the admin lobby or [click here](#).**



### **Drivers License Faith Milestone** *Saturday, May 18th, @ 10am*

On Saturday, May 18th, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, we will have a Faith Milestones Ministry event for our youth who have received their driver's licenses or preparing to receive their driver's this year. It is an exciting new adventure for some and adventurous for those who have been driving for a while, and we want to celebrate with you! This class will be offered for our youth and at least one parent (if possible) on Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, with refreshments.

Important Note: The class is actually an hour and thirty minutes at most.

The Blessing of this Faith Milestone will occur at our 10:30 a.m. worship experience on May 19th. If you and your youth driver(s) plan to participate, please let Pastor Carl know as soon as possible—no later than May 5, 2024.

## God's Corner



Dear Living Springs,

Your contributions of \$1,209.00 on 2/26/2024 has made an incredible impact, and we are immensely grateful. Today, we celebrate having distributed 53,256 pounds of food, a remarkable increase of 18,000 pounds compared to last year. Your generosity has touched the lives of countless families in our community, and we are deeply honored to be able to support each individual who walks through our doors.

Last week, your kindness extended even further. With your support, we were able to provide a bed, mattress, and sheets for a young man who opened his heart and home to his younger brother in foster care. Your donations helped ensure that their home met the necessary standards, allowing them to stay together as a family. Additionally, you played a crucial role in restoring utilities for a teacher facing unexpected medical expenses, offering her much needed relief during a challenging time. I wish you could experience the relief, humility and thankfulness that comes from our clients when you are able to meet a need. It's beyond rewarding.

Your generosity knows no bounds, and we are truly speechless at the depth of your kindness. Thank you for your unwavering support and for being a beacon of hope in our community.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Kate William

Executive Director

CAB (Christian Assistance Bridge)



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## Prepare Wisely: Estate Strategy Essentials

*Who needs an estate plan? You.*

*Discover essential factors in building your estate plan.*

**Thursday May 9, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

*The Country Club of Lexington, 1066 Barr Road, Lexington, SC 29072*

No matter your wealth or status, you have an estate. And all estates have something in common—you can't take it with you when you die. Join us for a free workshop, Prepare Wisely: Estate Strategy Essentials. We will be providing this workshop in partnership with Trey Dooley from Dooley Law Firm, which is located in downtown Lexington. Trey focuses his practice on the areas of real estate, estate planning, corporate and probate matters. Trey has also served as a Magistrate Judge for Lexington County in the Cayce/West Columbia office and as a Municipal Judge for the Town of Springdale. We very much look forward to having you join us as we share this very important topic and helping you take practical steps to your estate plan. Refreshments will be served.

Register with: [dawn.hyatt@thrivent.com](mailto:dawn.hyatt@thrivent.com)

## Jewish Food Festival

TREE OF LIFE CONGREGATION  
6719 NORTH TRENHOLM ROAD

**SUNDAY, MAY 5**  
11:00am - 2:00pm

**Attend The Big Nosh  
on Sunday, May 5th for  
in-house dining or takeout  
AND  
bake sale!**

**FESTIVAL FEATURES SANCTUARY TOURS TO LEARN  
ABOUT JEWISH TRADITIONS AND PRACTICES.**

# Refugee Resettlement - Lutheran Services Carolinas

## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

FRIDAYS @ 11:30-12:15 PM  
MEETINGS OVER TEAMS

● **MAY 03, 2024**

SESSION 1: "THE REFUGEE JOURNEY: FROM  
CONFLICT TO SAFETY"

● **MAY 10, 2024**

SESSION 2: "THE LONG WELCOME: BUILDING  
PLACES OF REFUGE IN OUR COMMUNITIES"

● **MAY 24, 2024**

SESSION 3: "THE REFUGEE JOURNEY: FROM  
CONFLICT TO SAFETY"

● **MAY 31, 2024**

SESSION 4: "THE LONG WELCOME: BUILDING  
PLACES OF REFUGE IN OUR COMMUNITIES"

For more information:  
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New Americans Program



JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT  
THE REFUGEE  
RESETTLEMENT PROCESS  
AND HOW INDIVIDUALS  
AND COMMUNITIES CAN  
GET INVOLVED.



SCAN OR CLICK TO SIGN UP

## WORLD REFUGEE DAY

You're Invited to Celebrate Refugees with Us!  
Pelicans Snoballs, Balloon Artist, Tea and Coffee Tables from Around the  
World, Facepainting, Ukrainian Egg Art, and Abraham the Camel---lots of  
fun for kids and adults!

June 15<sup>th</sup> 2-5pm  
Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center (Bogan Hall, back of  
the building)  
1218 Batchelor St  
West Columbia, SC 29169

RSVP TO: Sarah Lewis [slewis@lscarolinas.net](mailto:slewis@lscarolinas.net)

## Current Ongoing Volunteer Needs

Since we are receiving SO MANY clients, and we have **only a very few** Circles of Welcome, we are in need of more tutors for kids in the School Impact Program, as well as tutors and mentors for adult refugee clients. We try to match these folks with families who do not have a Circle of Welcome.

With the increase in refugee arrivals, there has been an increased need for **people willing to drive** clients to doctor's appointments during the day, first-day-of-school transport, and people willing to help with airport pick-ups. We would welcome help with this ongoing need!

We are also in need of people willing to help with refugee moves during the day: anyone who can lift, and someone who is willing to drive a UHaul to pick up furniture—please let us know if you're interested!

We're always in need of more **Circles of Welcome** and also for **individuals** who are willing to be put on a Circle of Welcome, made up of individual volunteers. We've onboarded several of these types of teams (made up of individuals) over the last year and are so grateful for each person who has been willing to join a team! Remember, it only takes 6 people (including two leaders) to form a team, and this makes such a difference for the refugee family who is matched! Our communication system focuses on the core services, never asks for last minute help, so that the team's weekly involvement is plannable and guided by good boundaries.

Please reach out to [slewis@lscarolinas.net](mailto:slewis@lscarolinas.net) for onboarding details/next steps!

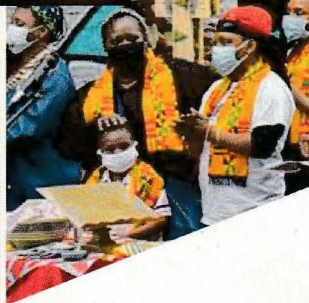
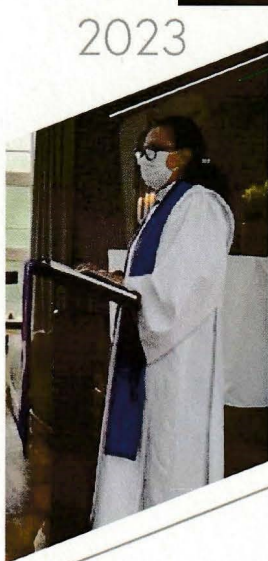
### ESL Childcare

Our ESL program is growing, and we are hoping to hold classes in four different locations starting in June. We would love to offer childcare at each of these locations, at least for one class at each location, but we are in need of more childcare workers. If you have a heart for refugees, embrace flexibility, love kids, and want to get involved, please reach out to [slewis@lscarolinas.net](mailto:slewis@lscarolinas.net). We are able to pay 15 dollars per hour for this service.



# MISSION SUPPORT

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Synod Bishop

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

# May 2024

**MAIN SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
 1020A Pre-worship "Jesus" Time  
**1030A WORSHIP (Sanctuary)**  
**Online/Parking Lot** - includes  
 Children's GIFT Faith Experiences

805A Pre-worship "Jesus" Time  
**815A WORSHIP (Sanctuary)**  
 920A Adult Faith Formation

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 *See box above <b>"Linger Longer" after 10:30 Worship</b> 3P Eagle Scout Ceremony 430P Girl Scouts	6 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737 Congo Refugee Welcome	7 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 6P Justice Inv. Drive Kickoff 7P Handbells	1 10A Preschool Bible Time <b>12 Journey w/Jesus Posted</b> 330P Afterschool Bible Time 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir	2 630P Recovery Comes First 700P Lifelong Discipleship Family Promise Meal	3 10A Mother's Day Flowers delivered <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>SC Lutheran Church Youth</b></div>	4 9A Girl Scout Archery Class 6P Scholarship Dinner & Auction
12 *See box above <b>815 &amp; 1030 Mother's Day Prayers</b> <b>"Linger Longer" after 10:30 Worship</b> Before/after worship - Backpack Food Bags <b>Scholarship Application Deadline</b>	13 1030A Meals on Wheels 11A Good News Team 630P Worship Team 7P Exec Team 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Fellowship/Mutual Care	14 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LS CDC Chapel 530P Finance Team 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells 7P SC Synod Bible Study	15 10A Preschool Bible Time <b>12 Journey w/Jesus Posted</b> 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 630P Youth (LSLC)	16 630P Recovery Comes First 7P Council Children's Hospital Meal Family Promise Meal	17 7P LS Fireflies Nite (arrive early for DOH National Anthem!)	18 930A Drivers License Milestone Class
19 Pentecost Sunday <b>815 &amp; 1030A Pentecost Worship</b> <b>("Linger Longer" after 10:30 Worship)</b> <b>920A "Mental Health 101" Event</b> <b>4P-630P Pentecost Community MayFest</b> 1030A Driver License Milestone	20 1030A Meals on Wheels 5P MORE Justice Cookout 630P Justice Celebration 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737	21 10A Journey w/Jesus study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells 7P SC Synod Bible Study	22 10A Preschool Bible Time <b>12 Journey w/Jesus Posted</b> 330P Afterschool Bible Time 515P Disciples of Harmony 515P Rush Hour Ministry 6P Choir 6P E/M Wellness Team 630P Youth (Red Robin)	23 7A Men's Bible & Biscuits 630P Recovery Comes First Palmetto Place Meal Family Promise Meal	24	25 8A Men's Breakfast 930A Crafty Ladies
26 <b>Trinity Sunday</b> *See box above 920A Journey w/Jesus study <b>1030A HS Graduate Quilting</b> <b>("Linger Longer" after 10:30 Worship)</b>	27 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737	28 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 6P Facilities Team 7P Handbells 7P SC Synod Bible Study	29 10A Preschool Bible Time <b>12 Journey w/Jesus Posted</b> 330P Afterschool Bible Time 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir	30 630P Recovery Comes First Family Promise Meal	31 LS-CDC Staff Planning Day	1 5P Rice Estate Dinner (set-up at 3P)

## Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

May 4	Lindsey Pittman
May 6	Judy Lawrence
May 12	Peter Creighton
May 13	Charles Pollard
May 21	Lina Mooney
May 23	♥ Eric & Kris Fink
May 25	♥ Steve & Kathryn Padgett



### Celebrate Your Baptism

Don't forget to check the bulletin to see if we will be celebrating your Baptismal Anniversary during this month's Sunday worship services. Immediately below the Gathering Music, there are printed the names of those who are celebrating a baptismal anniversary ***in that week***.

When the gathering music begins, individuals can quietly come forward to meet Pastor Eric at the baptismal fountain. There, he will re-trace the cross with the water on your forehead and offer a special prayer of blessing for you (children may be accompanied by parents). There is nothing to be anxious about - everything is done quietly while the music is being played. For those who know only the month of your Baptism, you can join us on the first Sunday of the month (if you prefer some other Sunday, please let us know). **If you do not know your baptismal information, then please pick a month when you would like to celebrate this gift of God's grace in your life – and notify the office**, so that we can add you to the celebration list (we'll simply mark the choice of your month with an asterisk). Even if you don't know the exact date, it's important to celebrate this special gift of God's grace in your life. Again, we encourage everyone to research your Baptismal date and find out as much information as you can – let us know if we can help!



May 1	Gay Walter Jim Zieche
May 3	Caroline Berger
May 8	Kristen Mattson Karl Schmidt
May 10	Parker Thoma
May 14	Ruth Pollard
May 16	Maggie Pittman
May 17	Todd Gunvalson
May 20	Ron Ramsey
May 26	Collin Flores



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